

Key Issues

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1. Despite lower cost sharing for a few low income, low asset participants under Part D, SeniorCare still has many advantages over Medicare Part D.
2. SeniorCare requires one single-sheet application form to determine eligibility and cost sharing level. Part D requires an application to the government for eligibility for low income subsidies and enrollment in a Part D plan for benefits.



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3. SeniorCare participants have statewide access to over 1,300 Medicaid-certified pharmacies. Part D plans may establish networks that exclude certain pharmacy providers.
4. SeniorCare provides a comprehensive drug benefit. Part D plans may establish formularies that do not cover all of the drugs a participant is currently taking.



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